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AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. COBURN AND MR.
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To THE SUBSTITUTE OFFERED BY MR. BILIRAKIS

(References to page and line numbers of the Substitute of
June 9, 1997)

Page **12**, line **33**, strike “*and,”.

Page **12**, line **35**, strike the period and insert a
comma.

Page 12, after line 35, insert the following:

- 1 “(viii) number of grievances and ap-
- 2 peals, and information on their disposition
- 3 in the aggregate,
- 4 “(ix) procedures used by the organiza-
- 5 tion to control utilization of services and
- 6 expenditures, and
- 7 “(x) any exclusions in the types of
- 8 providers participating in the plan’s net-
- 9 work.

Page 28, line 30, insert “in the field of medicine
which necessitates treatment” after “expertise”.

Page 30, line 24, strike “CERTAIN”.

Page 30, line 26, insert “in a timely manner” after
“resolve”.

Page 30, after line 21, insert the following:

1 “(iii) SECRETARIAL REPORT.-The
2 Secretary shall annually report publicly on
3 the number and disposition of denials and
4 appeals within each MedicarePlus organi-
5 zation, and those reviewed and resolved by
6 the independent entities under this sub-
7 section.

8 Page 32, line 10, strike “PHYSICIAN” and insert
9 “PROVIDER”.

10 Page 32, lines 12, 12, 16, 21, 24, 27, 30, and 33,
11 and page 33, lines 10 and 12, strike “physician” and
12 “physicians” and insert “provider” and “providers”, re-
13 spectively.

14 Page 33, amend lines 9 through 16 to read as follows:

15 “(C) HEALTH CARE PROVIDER DE-
16 FINED.—For the purposes of this paragraph,
17 the term ‘health care provider’ has the meaning
18 given such term in section 1852(j)(3)(C).

Page 34, after line 31, insert the following new sub-
section:

19 “(m) NON-PREEMPTION OF STATE LAW.—A State
20 may establish or enforce requirements with respect to ben-
21 eficiary protections in this section, but only if such re-

1 quirements are more stringent than the requirements es-
2 ~~tablished under this section.~~

Page 55, line 15, strike "In" and insert "Subject to
section 1852(m), in".

Page 62, line 15, strike "The" and insert "Subject
to section 1852(m), the".